A MOTION recognizing June 14, 1972, as FLAG DAY.

WHEREAS, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 in memory of the day in 1777 when the continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Flag Day was first officially observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Selection of the Flag, and

WHEREAS, in 1885, Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, began a lifetime (1866-1932) struggle to establish Flag Day as an annual national celebration, and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual national celebration in his proclamation issued on May 30, 1916, and

WHEREAS, the <u>Stars and Stripes</u> is the most popular name for the red, white and blue national flag of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Frances Scott Key first called the U. S. flag
the <u>Star Spangled Banner</u> in 1814 when he wrote the poem that became
the national anthem, and

WHEREAS, a sea captain from Salem, Massachusetts, named William Driver first used the name, <u>Old Glory</u>, for a flag given him by some friends when he took command of a ship in 1831, and

WHEREAS, the color of <u>red</u> is for hardiness and courage, the color <u>white</u> is for purity and innocence, and the color <u>blue</u> is for vigilance, perseverance and justice, and

WHEREAS, the Stars and Stripes symbolize the essence of the people, the ideals and the government of the founders of our United States of North America.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: The KING County Council urges all citizens, private and public institutions and business organizations to display the stars and stripes on Wednesday, June 14, 1972, and recommit themselves to the values and ideals from which this symbol sprang.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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